

1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!



**1187th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:30PM Wednesday March 25, 2015
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

**1898 Semi-Centennial
California Gold Discovery.**

Bill Hyder

1186th meeting, February 25, 2015

Jerry Schimmel delivered his talk entitled: **San Francisco Military Tokens: Early Views of the Posts, Bits of Their History.**

Jerry discussed the fact that little has been written about how military tokens were used. Proposed (and likely) uses include advances in pay to be used in base canteens, slot machine and pool table tokens, and general use as necessity money. Post trader tokens were the earliest, were first issued in the 1870s for stores run by private traders for the benefit of the GIs. Post Exchanges opened in the 1890s.

San Francisco military tokens include:

Presidio: Founded by Spain with a history extending through Mexico and finally the U.S. in the 1840s. An image of Fort Point appears on a 5¢ and a 10¢ token, both rare.

Fort Miley near the Cliff House. Today it is a VA hospital.

Fort Mason located on the bluff of Black Point.

Fort Baker, Fort Barry, and Fort Cronkite in Marin County.

Bay Islands include Alcatraz, Fort McDowell on Angel Island, Goat Island or Yerba Buena used as a naval training facility, and Mare Island.

Exhibits:

Mary shared recent rare Seleucid acquisitions including an ex-D'Este/Gonziga piece with her gold counterstamp (ca. 1474-1539). Some of the pieces will appear in an ANS online catalog.

Stephen exhibited his newest acquisition, a Ptolemaic bronze of "incertae" attribution.

Bill shared an 1890's New England California Pioneers badge, a 1906 San Francisco Earthquake badge, and a 1949 Native Sons of the Golden West Long Beach Centennial Days so-called dollar.

Dan exhibited a 1776 Swedish Riksdaler and an 1894 Agricultural Medal.

PCNS is accepting entries for its Annual Papers Contest.

- Original research, insights, clarification, and overview or introductory articles are all encouraged.
- Participation is open to all. Membership in PCNS is not a requirement.

Contest Rules:

Please see the rules available at http://www.pcns.org/pdf_docs/papersRules.pdf

Deadline for the submission of papers for the annual papers contest is **March the 31st, 2015.**

Submission and Enquiries to:

PCNS, P O Box 475656, San Francisco CA 94147-5656

Or, via e-mail to: Dan Hipple at: dan@hippleclan.com

Last Call Annual Dues:

Dues: It is time to pay your dues for 2015. Dues are \$20 to help support the oldest numismatic organization in the West! Cash or checks are welcome at the March meeting. Or, you can mail your check to:

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PO Box 475656

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New Member:

Bob Somers was accepted for membership at the January meeting.

Jason Macario applied for membership.

2015 meeting Schedule:

March 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

April 22, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

May 27, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

June 2015: Date and location to be determined.

July 22, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

August 26, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

September: 100th Anniversary Banquet TBD

PCNS 100th Anniversary Medal

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has announced design and ordering information for their 100th Anniversary Medal. This medal will be engraved and struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint in Colorado, and distributed this Fall to subscribers who pre-order by June. The design for this historic medal revisits the PPIE commemorative designs and continues the Society's traditional octagonal logo with a new high-relief die. (Images shown for design info are not actual photos.) Mintage will be limited to prepaid orders received by the Society by June 2015. The octagonal 41mm medal will be struck in silver, with coppers available only as part of the 2-medal set (1 copper + 1 one-ounce silver).

Orders with payment, \$100 per set or \$75 silver only, plus \$6 postage, must reach the Society by June at: PCNS, Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147.

PCNS was founded in 1915, by Farran Zerbe and a group of San Francisco collectors, during the Panama Pacific International Exposition. It was the first numismatic organization established in the western United States. PCNS hosted the American Numismatic Association's 1915 Convention in San Francisco, in conjunction with PPIE events.

